

Abstract of the Disclosure

5 An absorbent device having an absorbent structure
substantially free of modified cellulosic fibers having
carboxyalkyl substituted cellulosic regions and having
at least one surface substantially covered by an outer
layer, and an outer portion comprised of modified
cellulosic fibers having modified cellulosic fibers
10 having carboxyalkyl substituted cellulosic regions,
wherein the outer portion forms a layer on the at least
one surface of the absorbent portion.

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